

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-19 and 21-34 are pending in this application. Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 1, 3-16, 19 and 21-34 are allowed and claims 17-18 contain allowable subject matter.

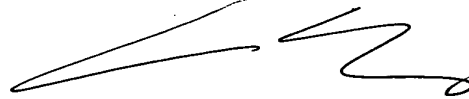
By this Amendment, claim 17 is amended, as suggested by the Examiner to place claims 17 and 18 in condition for allowance.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); and (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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